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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE GOI ENERGY EXPERT RISTAGNO FOR IEA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DOTT. VITTORIO UGO RISTAGNO, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (MININD) DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY AND SOURCES OF ENERGY, CONFIRMED APPROVAL OF HIS MINISTER TO LEAVE GOI FOR POSITION WITH IEA AS DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF OIL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS. DURING TELECON WITH EMBOFF, RISTAGNO STATED HE PLANNED TO LEAVE HIS MINISTRY POSITION ABOUT FEBRUARY 16, AND WOULD TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN PARIS SOMETIME LATER. HE SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON HIS SUCCESSOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: RISTAGNO ALLUDED ONLY PARENTHETICALLY TO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING HIS RELEASE, BUT EMBASSY ASSUMES THEY WERE SUBSTANTIAL. RISTAGNO IS ONE OF FEW GOI TECHNOCRATS REALLY INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS ITALIAN ENERGY SITUATION; WHILE LACK OF INDEPENDENT POLITICAL BASE HAS PREVENTED HIM FROM BEING MORE INFLUENTIAL IN POLICY FORMATION, HIS EXPERTISE AND PROFESSIONALISM HAD NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED. REASONS FOR RESIGNATION, APART FROM IEA OP-
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PORTUNITY, PROBABLY STEM FROM RISTAGNO'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCES

WITH FORMER MININD DE MITA WHERE RISTAGNO'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSISTENTLY IGNORED OR REJECTED IN WHAT MOST SOURCES CONSIDERED UNJUSTIFIED AND INSULTING FASHION.

3. RISTAGNO'S REPLACEMENT NOT YET CHOSEN, BUT UNLIKELY TO BE AWARDED TO OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL FROM WITHIN MININD.

4. IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH EMBASSY, RISTAGNO WAS CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY, RECEPTIVE AND FORTHCOMING. BIO SUBMISSION BEING PREPARED. VOLPE

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